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SUBJECT: NATOMIN: FINAL COMMUNIQUE

1. THIS YEAR MARKS 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY (NAA). MISSION HAS LEARNED FROM NAA SYG DESHORMES THAT NAA IS WORKING QUIETLY WITH PARLIAMENTARIANS AND IN SOME CASES DIRECTLY WITH DELEGATIONS FROM FOUR SMALLER COUNTRIES, NORWAY, CANADA, DENMARK AND THE NETHERLANDS, WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF HAVING THE OTTAWA MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE MENTION THE NAA AND ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY.

2. DESHORMES HOPES NORWEGIANS MIGHT PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE:

"MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE NOTED THE VALUABLE WORK OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY IN SUPPORT OF THE GOALS OF THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE. THE ASSEMBLY, WHICH BRINGS TOGETHER MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE ALLIANCE AND WHICH IS THIS YEAR OBSERVING ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY, HAS DEVELOPED CLOSE WORKING RELATIONS WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL. CONSTITUTING THE ONLY INSTITUTIONAL LINK BETWEEN LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF NORTH AMERICA AND WESTERN EUROPE, IT STRENGTHENS THE ATLANTIC DIALOGUE AND ASSISTS  
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EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA TO ADAPT TO CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES."

3. IN RESPONSE TO MISSION'S INQUIRY, DESHORMES SAID HE DIDN'T

THINK FRENCH WOULD INSIST ON MENTION OF WEU, OR EC ALLIES  
WOULD REQUIRE MENTION OF EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, OR OTHERS MIGHT WISH TO  
REFER TO THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE (WHICH LIKE NATO IS CELEBRATING  
ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR). HE DEFENDED THIS SOMEWHAT  
UNREALISTIC VIEW BY INSISTING THAT ALLIES WOULD RECOGNIZE THAT  
NAA IS THE ONLY TRANSATLANTIC PARLIAMENTARY BODY.

4. MISSION RECOMMENDS U.S. MIGHT SUPPORT AN INITIATIVE ALONG  
THIS LINE IN OTTAWA TO MENTION THE NAA IN THE MINISTERIAL  
COMMUNIQUE.  
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